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Today's Topics:

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 10 Sep 93 01:20:02 GMT
From: world!dts@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Boxboro this fall?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Sep9.125612.1309@bnlux1.bnl.gov> skora@bnlux1.bnl.gov (John G.
Skora) writes:

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>Does anyone know if the Boxboro hamfest is going to take place this

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>fall? I see it in the hamfest listings for Fall'94 but there is
>nothing listed for fall 1993.
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Boxboro is held every other year. It is the New England Division Convention, and as of this past July, the convention is in Manchester, NH on Odd numbered years, and in Boxboro on even numbered years.

Dan N1JEB

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Date: Thu, 9 Sep 1993 12:56:12 GMT
From: psinntp!bnlux1.bnl.gov!skora@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Boxboro this fall?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Thanks and 73! -John, KC2JT

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John Skora
skora@bnlux1.bnl.gov

Protein Data Bank
Brookhaven National Laboratory

Date: 10 Sep 93 06:34:29 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Daily Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for 09 September
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

NOTE: Background x-ray fluxes have fallen to a point where particle contamination of the x-ray sensors is evident. Fluxes below B1 should be considered uncalibrated even though there are times when the A level fluxes are uncontaminated and correct.

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!!BEGIN!! (1.0) S.T.D. Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for DAY 252, 09/09/93
10.7 FLUX=079.0  90-AVG=096          SSN=022          BKI=1022 1110  BAI=003
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BGND-XRAY=A1.5 FLU1=1.3E+06 FLU10=1.3E+04 PKI=2122 2111 PAI=005
BOU-DEV=006,004,011,011,007,009,009,002 DEV-AVG=007 NT SWF=00:000
XRAY-MAX= A4.0 @ 1341UT XRAY-MIN= A1.3 @ 1156UT XRAY-AVG= A2.5
NEUTN-MAX= +002% @ 2225UT NEUTN-MIN= -002% @ 1130UT NEUTN-AVG= +0.2%
PCA-MAX= +0.1DB @ 2235UT PCA-MIN= -0.6DB @ 2035UT PCA-AVG= -0.0DB
BOUTF-MAX=55367NT @ 1317UT BOUTF-MIN=55337NT @ 1715UT BOUTF-AVG=55357NT
GOES7-MAX=P:+000NT@ 0000UT GOES7-MIN=N:+000NT@ 0000UT G7-AVG=+081,+000,+000
GOES6-MAX=P:+123NT@ 0530UT GOES6-MIN=N:-062NT@ 1526UT G6-AVG=+100,-012,-041
FLUXFCST=STD:080,082,083;SESC:080,082,083 BAI/PAI-FCST=010,018,030/015,025,050
KFCST=2223 3344 4444 4244 27DAY-AP=006,004 27DAY-KP=1221 2221 1111 1221
WARNINGS=*GSTRM:11-14SEP93;*AURMIDWRN:11-14SEP93
ALERTS=
!!END-DATA!!

NOTE: The Effective Sunspot Number for 08 SEP 93 was 40.0.
The Full Kp Indices for 08 SEP 93 are: 3- 3- 3- 2- 0+ 1+ 1+ 20

Date: 9 Sep 93 20:16:46 PDT
From: destroyer!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!news.UVic.CA!camins.camosun.bc.ca!
freenet.Victoria.BC.CA!ue851@uunet.uu.net
Subject: For Anyone in Lower VE7 land.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Theres a "Ham Happening" in Nanimo, B.C. on Vancouver Island.
It's going to be a fairly large event with Flea Market and the
whole bit. If you need info give me a call VIA E-mail. 73's

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- Steven Pridie (VE7TAZ)
 AkA: Frost
 ue851@freenet.victoria.bc.ca

Date: 10 Sep 93 06:01:43 GMT
From: ogicse!flop.ENGR.ORST.EDU!gaia.ucs.orst.edu!brownt@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Ford Explorer Engine Computer and HF, UHF, VHF Transmit
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am considering the purchase of a new Ford Explorer, but not if HF, VHF,
or UHF transmitting from the vehicle causes problems with the engine
electronics.

Can anyone who has transmitted from a 93 Explorer tell me their experiences?

Posting here or via email is fine.

Thanks and 73's

Terry Brown, N7DVA

Date: Thu, 9 Sep 93 22:52:36 GMT
From: mercury.hsi.com!a3bee2.radnet.com!cyphyn!randy@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Hams on Usenet
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

hlb@f121.n324.z1.fidonet.org (hlb) writes:

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: Did anybody save the list of hams on Usenet that appeared some time ago?
:
: Or know where to get it?
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: Thanks.
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: --
: hlb@li.loral.com
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: It is still current....I just saw it 1 page back and it is also ftp-able.

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Randy KA1UNW If you get a shock while
 servicing your equipment, "Works for me!"
randy@192.153.4.200 DON'T JUMP! -Peter Keyes
 You might break an expensive tube!

Date: Thu, 9 Sep 93 12:19:10 GMT
From: mnemosyne.cs.du.edu!nyx!rchalk@uunet.uu.net
Subject: How to get around antenna covenants (or piss off the neighbors)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

mwgordon@nyx.cs.du.edu (Mike Gordon) writes:

> Now, this might not work, but it's a good one to try:

when you buy a house in a development that has restrictive covenants, your agreement to purchase says that you agree to abide by the covenants attached to the deed, and you should! If you don't plan to, then buy a house in a neighborhood that isn't restricted.

By the way, our covenants cover paint colors, and "suitable ground cover" so the wooden decorations are outside the covenants, as is the fluorescent paint.

They also regulate what you may park in the driveway, and county law prohibits continual parking on the road for more than 7 days.....

richard

Date: Fri, 10 Sep 1993 04:08:38 GMT
From: netcomsv!bongo!julian@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Mawrisse Koad
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Sep9.214445.1856@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu> jmaynard@nyx.cs.du.edu (Jay The Splut) sniveles:

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>John, you can do what I did a long time ago: edit your kill file and add the
>line
>/maurice/a:j
>to it. No more anti-code assholes!

Really, Jay. After all these years you are still bearing a grudge.

Not that anyone I consort with is "anti-code", we just like to maintain some perspective. We assign importances to things. Some of us are concerned about the survival of amateur radio in the next century, not the last century.

We now return you to bashing Radio Shack for being open late and selling to anyone who gives them a phone number.

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Julian Macassey, N6ARE julian@bongo.tele.com Voice: (213) 653-4495
Paper Mail: 742 1/2 North Hayworth Avenue, Hollywood, California 90046-7142

Date: 8 Sep 1993 18:25:57 -0700
From: pravda.sdsc.edu!news.cerf.net!usc!aludra.usc.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Need LA area ham club recommendations
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm new to the Los Angeles area and would like some advice on a ham club to join that has support for 2 meters. I am currently living near USC, so a group that has good repeater coverage near downtown LA would be a plus.

If you are currently a member of a club or run one I would love to hear from you, including what the club has to offer (reliable coverage area, # of repeaters, autopatch, etc.) as well as the cost to join.

Thanks for any advice!

Eric - N0UVD

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School of Planning | elesatz@nyx.cs.du.edu |  
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Date: Wed, 8 Sep 1993 17:57:11 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!destroyer!
vela.acs.oakland.edu!rcsuna.gmr.com!kocrsv01!c2xjcb@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Non-licensed purchase of radio
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <747490456.AA02577@buscard.fidonet.org>,
Tom.Bodoh@f121.n324.z1.fidonet.org (Tom Bodoh) writes:

> On a somewhat related note, I was told by a Radio Shack manager that they
> are instructed to refuse to sell you a scanner if you ask or say anything
> about monitoring cellular. Why are they so cautious about that and yet
> sell amateur, marine and itinerant/GMRS transceivers without even
> mentioning licenses...
>

Yet, when the new law took effect, I had a RS sales person demonstrate how he could still listen to cell-tel conversations with his RS scanner right there in the store!

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Date: 10 Sep 93 01:06:52 GMT

From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Radio Shack HTXs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Many thanks to all who responded to my posting asking about experiences and opinions of the Radio Shack HTX-202. The overwhelming majority of the opinions were favorable, especially given the current sale price.

I was just a bit disappointed to hear about the HTX's 'spur' at 146.76, but I was also slightly amused by this, since the photos of the HTX-202 in Radio Shack advertising (including the new catalog) invariably show that same frequency on the HT's display. Perhaps they just let it search for a busy frequency ;-)

All in all, it still looks like a good bet, and I'll probably go for it.

Thanks again, everyone.
Tom, N3??? (4 weeks and waiting)

Tom Leber <leber@panther.warm.inmet.com> Intermetrics, Inc. Warminster PA
"One step ahead, one step behind...Pretty soon you gotta' run to stay even."

Date: Thu, 9 Sep 1993 00:39:06 GMT
From: spsgate!mogate!newsgate!nuntius@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Repeater Directories?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <747505589snx@skyld.tele.com> Jeffrey D. Angus, jangus@skyld.tele.com writes:
>I suppose you believe it was the Indians own fault that they let the English
>speaking hoards over run their country.
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>

Well, you have to admit that it is the prime example of what a poorly thought-out immigration policy can do to a country. ;>)

Date: 9 Sep 1993 20:55:11 -0400
From: dorsai.dorsai.org!dorsai.dorsai.org!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Strange HAM interfere
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

-=> In a message to All on 09-08-93 08:47, Tskloss@zeus.tamu.edu said: <=-

Ts> Here's the situation. A friend of mine was telling me the problem his
Ts> mother was having with a HAM who was living a few doors down (nice
Ts> neighborhood, in the northern hills of Austin Texas). It seems that
Ts> this HAM transmits at very high levels; high enough in fact to INDUCT
Ts> SOUND TO COME FROM A TELEPHONE THAT IS HUNG UP!!!!!!

Ts> AM signal comes out of the telephone handset speaker. Plus, there is
Ts> interference on all the other appliances such as her television and
Ts> cordless phone. (we told her that he can indeed hear her conversations
Ts> as well as his other neighbors' cordless phones)

Only if he has a scanner! Ham transceivers don't tune in those frequencies
and the cordless phone won't put out as much power to cause interference
to him.

Ts> He [the HAM] is well aware of his interferences since all his
Ts> neighbors have complained, but still he persists that he is doing
Ts> nothing wrong.

If he is running within legal limits, he isn't.

His antenna is a single vertical pole since antenna
Ts> structures are prohibited in the neighborhood.

Ts> seems to be a battle between the disgruntled residents and the HAM
Ts> who's personality is such that he once fired his pistol into the air
Ts> repeated times to quiet the dogs next door (probably for a DX he was
Ts> working on).

Sounds like a good way to shut them up.

Ts> Perhaps he is upset that they won't allow him to install his 50 foot
Ts> tower in his back yard and he is trying to get back at everyone as long
Ts> as he can... The residents are trying for a legal injunction to either
Ts> limit his power output, or halt his emissions all together, but that
Ts> has turned out to be a long battle.

Hard to do due to federal preemptions, but there have been cases where hams
have had to reach agreements about operating hours and power restrictions
due to nuisance laws. If he had a big tower and a better antenna his signal
would be concentrated ABOVE everyone and he would cause LESS interference,
not to mention a little less power due to line loss. The taller the tower
the better. He would also be the likely one to get hit by lightning and be
put off the air. <g>

Ts> Alas, what can we do about people who tarnish the image of amateur
Ts> operators. It only takes one: we lost two repeaters (their prime

Ts> location, actually) because someone (unknown if it was indeed a HAM)
Ts> stepped on water drain line and leaked water down the side of the
Ts> building (or something like that, minor indeed).

Not to the tennent who got leaked on from an open window.

Now, no amateur

Ts> services are allowed on the building, which happens to be one of the
Ts> tallest in the neighborhood.

Find out who did and if it wasn't a ham, take them to court to have the
lease renewed.

... Does Windows NT stand for Windows NinTendo? or Not Today? or Nice Try?
___ Blue Wave/QWK v2.12

Date: Thu, 9 Sep 93 23:02:01 GMT
From: mercury.hsi.com!a3bee2.radnet.com!cyphyn!randy@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Strange HAM interference
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

IS this guy a ham? If he 'can be heard plainly' then that sounds like AM.
Very few Hams use AM *and* have an attitude like that at the same time.

However....could it be a CBer....? See if you can catch his call sign:

If its some weird name like "Dr. Burn-em-up" or a 3 or 4 digit number only,
then you got yourself a CB goodbuddy.

The cure would be to get those phones RFI proofed, and that gets us into a
legal touchy spot...we can not touch other people equipment...

Check out the files at ARRL for details / ideas for a cure.

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Randy KA1UNW If you get a shock while
 servicing your equipment, "Works for me!"
randy@192.153.4.200 DON'T JUMP! -Peter Keyes
 You might break an expensive tube!

Date: Thu, 9 Sep 93 23:09:39 GMT

From: mercury.hsi.com!a3bee2.radnet.com!cyphyn!randy@uunet.uu.net
Subject: There goes the rest of 20M
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

As long as TTY (or it's digital offshoots) does not DISPLACE CW, then there is no problem....ie...take away from cw airspace, to give to TTY.

The real problem is, on TTY, one is oblivious to any one else on CW.... they run right over you until you give up....you can't fight a machine.

"segregating" each mode, I think, is not a bad idea.

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Date: Wed, 8 Sep 1993 17:54:50 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!destroyer!
vela.acs.oakland.edu!rcsuna.gmr.com!kocrsv01!c2xjcb@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <26ihb4\$6eb@jericho.mc.com>, <8SEP199307075814@nssdca.gsfc.nasa.gov>,
<26knjd\$h13@hp-col.col.hp.com>
Subject : Re: Valued customer at R. Shack gets goodies

In article <26knjd\$h13@hp-col.col.hp.com>, bobw@col.hp.com (Bob Witte) writes:
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> What's more amazing is that there are apparently all these folks out
> there who absolutely hate the way RS operates, but frequent the stores
> anyway. (I mean, if you don't like the place, don't give them
> your business.)
>

The problem with "don't give them your business" is that there are very few stores around which carry the things they do (hobbyist parts) that are within a few minutes of your house (i.e. don't have to "mail order" the parts). When I'm going to "build something" that I plan-out ahead of time, I order the stuff from Jameco or Digi-Key; they are a whole bunch cheaper, have a wider selection, but take a week or so to get the parts. When I need to "fix-up" something around the house on a Saturday afternoon, and I need a widget that I know RS has (even if it is at a 50% mark-up over "reasonable and customary") I go there so that I can "be done with it".

Now, if there was another LARGE franchise (or even a single "hobbiest parts store" in my area) that had the stuff RS had, then RS wouldn't get my business anymore; just like Micky-D's doesn't get my business anymore (I hated going thru their drive-thru for "fast" food, then get asked to "park over there" until the something-we're-out-of gets done; you should have seen the gal's face when I told her "NO!", and parked in front of her window, holding-up the other 6 cars behind me!).

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Date: Thu, 9 Sep 1993 10:47:50 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!doc.ic.ac.uk!uknet!festival!
spider!raft.spider.co.uk!jmorris@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <26igv6\$jhh@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>, <26inh2\$fpu@senator-bedfellow.MIT.EDU>, <26ipth\$jqq@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>
Subject : Re: QUESTION: Iambic paddle dot and dash connections....

In article <26ipth\$jqq@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu> ksampath@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu (Krishna S Sampath) writes:

>In article <26inh2\$fpu@senator-bedfellow.MIT.EDU> drt@athena.mit.edu (David R Tucker) writes:

>>In article <26igv6\$jhh@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>, ksampath@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu (Krishna S Sampath) writes:

> ... stuff ...

>>|> as opposed to the standard righthand construction with right thumb

>>|> sending dots and the forefinger sending dashes.

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>>Dots always go on the paddle worked by the thumb. Anything else

>>is very confusing.

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> well, that depends on ... how often you switch hands, how often you
> operate somebody else's paddles, and how often someone else operates
> yours etc.....

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> i am inclining towards dots on left, dashes on right, so that i can
> still play with the paddles in the stores etc., without changing the
> dot/dash paddle.

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> krishna

I agree. In moments of idleness (ie when listening to a real waffle station and being bored :-) I have tried sending with my left hand, and also turning the paddle upside down to see what reversed sending would be like. It was not as difficult as I had thought - though obviously needs practice, just like the usual way did back then.

My conclusion is that there is no "natural" way for the paddles to go: The brain can adapt to dots left or right, thumb or forefinger, or any permutation of the above. So I would recommend following the arbitrary standard of dots on the left, just for ease of switching between your keyer and most other people's.

The way I heard it, dots on the left was originally because the strong thumb was needed to push against the spring loaded mechanism which makes the dots on a bug. Could just be an urban legend.

What I would like to see is a standard for the wiring of keyer jacks. We all seem to agree that the body should be ground, but whether the tip or the ring is the dot paddle seems to be arbitrary!

As Shakespeare should have said: "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to transceive".

pip pip!

J.

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John Morris != Spider Systems jmorris@spider.co.uk GM4ANB@GB7EDN.#77.GBR.EU

Date: Fri, 3 Sep 1993 18:13:38 +0000

From: pipex!bnr.co.uk!demon!llondel.demon.co.uk!dave@uunet.uu.net

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <745820220snx@llondel.demon.co.uk>, <25e9od\$kfq@k2.San-Jose.ate.slb.com>, <746284559snx@llondel.demon.co.uk

Reply-To : dave@llondel.demon.co.uk

Subject : Re: A strange thing that happens when you are learning code

In article <205@mlb.win.net> mbayern@mlb.win.net (Mark Bayern) writes:

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>You'd also get a surprise when you discovered that their football

>game is played with a round ball then ONLY the goalies get to use

>their hands -- although everyone can use their heads!

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Soccer football is played as you describe, but rugby football is played by men with odd-shaped balls :-) (And they can all use their hands)

Note that the soccer world cup finals are due to be played in the US next year so you had better get used to it!

Dave

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*****
* G4WRW @ GB7WRW.#41.GBR.EU AX25      * Start at the beginning. Go on *
* dave@llondel.demon.co.uk Internet * until the end. Then stop. *
* g4w1w@g4w1w.ampr.org Amprnet * (the king to the white rabbit) *
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